February 6, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Mr. Norman Bryant, with whom I am corresponding with respect to Connecticut cents, told me that you would get a great kick out of knowing of another collector who is sincerely interested in Connecticut cents. I know that your collection is very large and that you are the American authority on these coins.

One of the things about which I am curious is the 1787 Miller 1(4)-WW, which I have in my collection and which I am advised is unique. It is pictured in Betts' book on counterfeit half pence. The reason I am so attached to it is that Liberty is facing the other direction and it is a major rarity as I see it. Would you be kind enough to tell me if you know of any other specimen. This one comes from the Dr. Hall collection.

I would very much like to obtain for my collection a 1788 Miller 1-I and wonder if you have a duplicate. I would also like to improve my 1787 reverse R which comes either in 15-R or 9-R. I will be glad to find something which you desire if we can work any kind of an exchange, or I will be glad to purchase either of them.

I am also looking for imitation English half pennies made in this country, or the combination of those half pennies with Vermont or Connecticut coinage. Do you have any duplicates of those?

I hope I do not inconvenience you by writing with respect to the foregoing, and I will appreciate hearing from you very much. I specialize in Colonial coins as a whole because I derive my greatest enjoyment from them.

Sincerely yours,

ANA 4624

EPNewman/mc

154 California St.
Stratford, Conn.
Feb.12 1948

Mr, Eric P. Newman
315 Washington Ave.
St. Louis
Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

I was greatly pleased to hear from another devotee of my special hobby. Mr Norman Bryant and I have been close friends for some years now.and we each have a list of what the other has in the Conn. and Vermont collections.

I am afraid you are straining a point when you call me the American authority in the matter of Conn. cents, I may be wrong,but so far as I am aware I have the largest collection of die varieties of anyone here in New England now numbering 283.Many collectors have been able to put much more money for condition in their collection than I could.but as you will probably understand I have the whole gamut of the scale from poor, just enough for positive attribution to some very fine. Mr. Bryant is a much younger man and has the next largest collection to mine of any one I know, and he is even trying to get two of every die variety which is more than I can afford to try for. so I don't let that bother me.

Now in regard to what you mentioned in your letter. You without doubt have something UNIQUE. What a great pity it is that Betts did not have photographic reproductions instead of free hand drawings for illustrations. If the cuts had only been halftones from photographs no matter how crude the coins were, how vastly better it would have been. Personally I know of only two specimens of the 1788 1-I. Here is quite a coincidence, for in July 1944 Mr. Howard H. Kurth and I both secured this variety from Mr. Charles p,Knoth, It seems Mr Knoth was disposing of a large collection.but from what source I do not know. Mr Kurth's 1-I is a better specimen than mine, but mine has a not bad obverse, but the reverse is very poor ,just good enough for positive identification.I now have the three small head varities, 1787 1-A and 1-VV. The 1-A is a

beautiful specimen and the 1-VV shows the INDE ET LIB distinctly and I consider it pretty fair with these and the date, but Liberty is not very distinct. I stand as follows. 1785 24---1786 29---1787 197 and 1788 33 .

I am greatly interested in Vermont cents and my collection now stands Ryder Nos. 2---3---6---7---8---9---10---11---12---13---14---16---17---18 20---21---22---23---24---25---27---29---35. I have long wanted to obtain a VERMONTIS, Paul S. Seitz lists one in the Feb. 20 auction and I put in a bid, but probably I shall be unsuccessful.

There was a time in years gone by when I tried to collect from all thirteen colonies in regard to the little brown bills, but it proved too much of an undertaking and I "pulled in my horns" and have disposed of most everything except Conn. and Continental bills, I feel quite proud of the Continentals as I have a specimen of every denomination of every issue of the entire 110. besides a number of the blue singles and an uncut sheet of the Ssept 26 1778 in blue. beside a few contemporary counterfeits. My pet number in Continentals is No. 10 on a 5 July 22 1775. Can you beat that? In 1935 Mr. Wismer had number 930087 on a 2/3 dollar. Quite a difference.

My Conn. bills number I think about 80 varieties not including duplicates, but in the Oct. 11 1777 (little bills) I have tried for signatures, and with duplicates have succeeded in obtaining 15 of the 26 signatures. Conn. bills 1709 up to 1770 being practically unobtainable for rarity I have quite a collection of these being photostats which I consider far better than nothing, and have mounted them in a large scrapbook. I have no duplicates of the coins you mentioned, Do you know Mr. Howard H. Kurth of 557 Nott St. Schenectady, N.Y.? He is the man of whom you can get a lot of information about English half pennies both original and counterfeit . He is greatly interested in the subject of varieties of the old British counterfeits. I know of no other collector with the 1788 1-I except Mr Kurth and myself. I do hope to hear from you soon with details about your collections. You of course are a much younger man than I am. but even if I shall be 84 in June I am still in good health and have lost no interest in Conn. and Vermont cents.

Yours sincerely

John M. Richardson,

A.N.A. 12335

February 24, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

In spite of the fact that you are almost 84 years of age I am sure you realize that with hobbies such as ours we can live indefinitely. I am 36 but have collected for 25 years, so I consider myself an "old" collector. I certainly marvel at your collection of Connecticut items.

I specialize in American colonial coins but also have United States coins and a large collection of paper money issued in the United States from colonial times to the present. I have a number of very nice items but, like all other collectors, have many holes.

I have 15 different Vermont cents, all in nice condition, including one which is unknown to Ryder. It has a mailed bust to the left like the 1787 and 1788 issues but has an entirely new reverse. I also have an American made imitation British half penny which is from the same die as the Vermont cent with the British imitation reverse. On your list you stated you had Vermont #35, which I presume is #31. I happen to have a duplicate of the VERMONTIS, and if you do not get a specimen in your auction we can arrange a trade.

In Connecticut I only collect major varieties, such as differences in spelling, facing right or left, mailed or draped, large or small head, etc. from each date. Most of mine are very fine to uncirculated. I have a number of specimens from Dr. Hall's collection, including the 1787 Hercules head and a 1787 mutton head with all lettering clear and strong.

I have a 1787 New Jersey cent struck over a 1788 Vermont cent, proving that New Jersey was still using its 1787 dies into or beyond 1788.

I am very envious of your Continental paper money as I am still lacking about ten items. Do you have any duplicates? I have the same sheet of blue notes which you have but I have no single blue notes, and I would like very much to see the contemporary counterfeits which you have. Would you be willing to send them to me for inspection, or if you have any duplicate counterfeits I would be most interested. I have approximately 500 different pieces of Colonial paper currency from all of the states but there are a lot of Connecticuts which I do not have. Do you have any duplicates there?

If you would enjoy it, I will have made and send you a photostat of the Miller 1(4)-WW along with two of the Connecticut imitations described by Betts.

I have a great many duplicates of miscellaneous items, and if you could give me a memorandum of what you might have in duplicate and what you might want from my duplicates I will be glad to work up a few exchanges. I do not expect to be able to do you any good in Connecticut.

Thank you for your most interesting letter, and I look forward to further correspondence with you.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

154 California St.
Stratford, Conn.
Feb. 27 1948

Dear Mr. Newman:

To say that I was pleased to hear from you again is putting it very mildly. I am glad that I have found another person interested in what I am. First lets tackle the Vermont cent subject. My #35 is most certainly not #31, ~~as that is a Ryder number I never have seen or ever expect to see outside a museum, as I believe it to be a major variety~~. The #35 is just as I described it in the May 1947 NUMISMATIST, and a variety unknown to Ryder. On Feb. 19 I mailed you a complimentary copy of the Vermont reprint. Did you receive it? If it never reached you just let me know and I will mail you another. Your pet Vermont cent must be UNIQUE, You say mailed bust to left like the 1787 and 1788 issues but with an entirely new reverse. I have never seen or heard of a Vermont cent of 1787 or 1788 with head to left. except #15 I would so much like to receive a rubbing of it. Your mention of the VERMONTIS interests me greatly, as I think it pretty doubtful if I ever get the one I bid on. Number 19 cannot be so very rare as Ryder only listed it as rarity three, but I do not as yet have it.

I have a few duplicates of Conn, cents but nothing much as to condition. among them the double chin and large head of 1786. No duplicates of Vermont except #25. I think I told you I stopped collecting bills from all colonies as I could not afford to keep it up, and I have some left of New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware that I may get rid of sometime. I guess the best one is the 15 sh. New Jersey of the scarce date Feb 20 1776 and a fine specimen. Ihave no Continental duplicates except the #10 I told you of, and I shall not let that go. I am pleased to send for your inspection six supposedly counterfeits, one photostat, and one fac simile freak. and my #10. I shall be immencely pleased to get the photostat of the 1^4-WW and the immitations describes by Betts. Now does this interest you? I have some negative photostats of Conn. bills owned by the Conn. Historical Society of Hartford that I would be glad to loan you if

you would like to get positives for your collection, They are as follows. Complete uncut sheet of the rare Continental issue of May 20 1777 obverses ,and another of reverses of same,these being of the blue proof sheets.

Another sheet of five singles obverses of the Yorktowns,also blue proofs.

Still another sheet of the complete eight Yorktown obverses in singles owned by the Conn. Historical society.I suppose these are of course all genuine bills.and signed and numbered. If this offer meets with your approval you may retain my counterfeits until you have compared them with photostats and then return all at your leisure. You may think I have "strained at a gnat even if I have not swallowed a camel" so where you think I have drawn on my imagination I wish you would just eliminate with your blue pencil. Please let me know right away if you care to see photostat negatives. I have no Conn bill that I would want to part with except one of the little blue pence bills of Oct 11 1777,and signed by S. Bishop but the condition would not suit you I am sure.

I thought you would like to know the final disposition of Continental blue proofs in Conn. so I enclose an explanation.(don't return it)

Yours sincerely,

John H. Richardson

P. S. My error, it is #30 the great rarity,#31 being not particularly rare.

PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT (Vol.2 Page 290)

(Copy of resolutionrelating to Continental Proof Sheets)

Resolved by this Assembly

That the proof sheets of the late emissions of Continental money sent into this state by order of congress and now in the hands of the Treasurer be disposed of in the following manner, viz: To the Governor one sheet, to the chief judge of the superior court one sheet, one to the clerk of the superior court, one to the Treasurer, and one to the secretary of this state, one to each county treasurer, one to each of the clerks of the county courts, one to each high sheriff of a county within this state, one to each State Attorney in this state, one to each town clerk in this state, one to each collector of State taxes; and the Treasurer is hereby directed to deliver the same accordingly, taking proper receipts for the same. The remainder of the said proofs shall remain in the custody of the Treasurer until he shall receive further orders from this Assembly or from the Governor and Council of safety; and that a copy of this resolve shall be lodged with the Treasurer for his direction therein.

March 8, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

I wish to thank you very much for your revision of the coins of Vermont which I have studied very carefully and enjoyed to a great extent. I am sorry that I was not called upon to furnish coins for illustrations as many of my specimens are far superior to any of those which are pictured.

Thanks to your hard work I have checked my Vermonts and now find that I have Ryder Richardson Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 34 and 35. The one which I thought was unknown is an error, and the foregoing list is more accurate.

From a study of your counterfeits I find that I would have no difficulty in determining the British counterfeits of the May 20, 1777 issue or a Yorktown issue. It was for that reason that I wished to see your items so that I could check my own opinion. I am returning herewith the nine items you forwarded to me. I do not believe I need the prints of the two issues which were imitated by the British. What I will have to do first is to get more of those notes.

I have not forgotten the photographs that I am going to send you, but there will be a delay in sending them because I want to take them along with a number of other coins.

In the past I have written to Mr. Kurth and will do so as soon as I have an opportunity as he has certain of the imitation half pennies about which I would like to complete my research.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me
Encls.

154 California St
Stratford, Conn.
March 11 1948

Dear Mr. Newman:

Yours with the enclosure received all right, and thanks.

Now "Confession is good for the soul" they say, so I plead guilty to not being fool proof in my descriptions of Vermont cents in the monograph.

First, in the Ryder No.29 reverse, it should read Branch points just below the upright of E instead of D. On obverse of Ryder NO.13 I followed Ryder in saying three berries on wreath, Mr Kurth thinks it should be four, and very likely he is right, but the fourth comes way down at the base of the last leaf where the bow knot is tied. Dr. Black M.D. of Brattleboro Vermont calls attention to my saying "the stem of branch does not extend below hand" I am probably wrong here for while the stem does not extend below hand in any such way as in NO.10 still there are two little strings protruding slightly below as in the same reverse NO.12 where I have a nice specimen. My No.14 from which I described was not very sharp. Now it is your turn, Go ahead, you won't hurt my feelings. I was greatly pleased with your list. You have solved the mystery in the Notes and Queries Dept. of the Nov.1945 Numismatist entitled "Where is this Vermont cent?" (Illustration made from Crosby.) I feel sure Mr. Mosher would be very glad if you would drop a line to that Dep,t saying that you have the answer in your own collection. (Ryder No.34)

I was also much pleased that you also had NO.35 the same as Mr. Douglas and I have, with the same identical reverse as No.16 but a different obverse. What a pity that I did not know anything about you in connection with Vermont cents when I worked up the article. Mr. Mosher did everything he could to help in the way of getting illustrations for it. It seems just as though if he had known you he would have got me to contact you in the matter. The halftones in many instances are far from what I wish they were.

I was not successful in getting any VERMONTIS in the Seitz auction. He wrote me since that, (I quote a paragraph) "Regarding your letters and lot #1387, I wish to say that these Colonials were classified by another party and I had not checked all before listing in Catalog." You mentioned having a duplicate, Would you be willing to send it on approval with price?

Yours sincerely, John H. Richardson,

March 18, 1948

Mr. Stuart Mosher, Editor
The Numismatist
McAllen, Texas

Dear Mr. Mosher:

In the November, 1947 Numismatist Mr. John J. Richardson wanted to know if the 1787 Vermont Cent illustrated in Crosby Plate V, #2, could be found. This variety was not listed in Ryder's "The Colonial Coins of Vermont" apparently because he found no specimen thereof. In the May, 1947 Numismatist Mr. Richardson added four varieties of the Vermont Cent to the Ryder classification and listed the above variety as #34.

This variety is in my collection and is readily distinguishable on the reverse from the reverse of Ryder Richardson Nos. 12, 14 and 32 by the fact that the left hand of the figure is on a line with the lettering as compared to the others where the hand is entirely below the line of the lettering.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

March 18, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I am writing to Mr. Mosher at your suggestion.

I want to call your attention to the fact that your #32 should be 1787 instead of 1788 in the listing and on the summary.

I am enclosing the VERMONTIS which I have, as I know you will enjoy having it. Since I very much prefer to exchange items, I am wondering whether you will part with any of your March 20, 1777 British counterfeits of continental currency. If you have any other suggestions as to an exchange, do not hesitate to let me know. The rarity of a VERMONTIS Cent is thoroughly unappreciated.

I cannot tell you how much I have learned about Vermont Cents after corresponding with you, and I have now started on a project to see if I can tie in the die varieties of the imitation British half pennies made in this country. I find I corresponded with Mr. Kurth many years ago on this subject.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me
Encls.

154 California St.
Stratford, Conn.
March 23 1948

Dear Mr, Newman:

You don't know how pleased I am with the VERMONTIS.this word is sharp and clear and no one can say that it might have been a VERMONTS With letters indistinct. I have long wanted to obtain this coin and now I shall not feel easy until it is paid for, so please name your price as soon as you conveniently can. I have no duplicates in the line you mention.

You certainly have caught me cold, and brought me up standing, with a bang, for No.32 certainly is 1787 and not 1788. Thanks for the correction.

I think it is nice when friends can point out things to the other without offence, Now in referring to the letter you wrote to Mr. Mosher(and I am very glad you did) I am John M and not John J, In my monograph I only mentioned three varieties not known to Ryder Varieties 33---34 and 35. Very true No.32 is not mentioned in the main text of Ryders descriptions but you will find it briefly described in the Vermont additions and corrections. Ryder evidently heard of it in the eleventh hour, and now where is it? I wish I knew, but probably I never shall. It may or may not be unique. If you still have my last letter I feel sure you will find that I mentioned what is now called No.34 was in the Nov 1783 and not 1787 Numismatist. I am glad this variety is at last located, I had not myself noticed the position of the left hand in relation to the lettering, and now with that, and the branch hand being nearer to D of INDP and B of Lib being nearer to the shield than in No.14 you have three clinchers to prove you are right.

In a letter Mr. Hall Park McCullough of Bennington Vermont once wrote to Mr. Bryant he said "I think the only known specimen was owned by J.Carson Brevoort, I do not know what became of it" (This refers to Ryder No.5)

Have you ever heard of this Brevoort man and is he still living?

Perhaps you can solve this for me, On my Ryder 8 it looks like PUBIICA, the bottom of L does not show even if it was an L (and the spacing is right for an L I suppose you have a sharper specimen and what do you find in the L line.

Ryder gives it PUBLICA. Knowing that you are interested in only the more pronounced die varieties of Conn. cents I thought perhaps you would like the enclosed differences (Keep it) Why don't you write to Mr. Kurth again, for I believe that at the present time he knows more about the special feature that you are interested in than any one else.

Well I guess it is time for the Octogenarian to call a halt.

With regards,

John H. Richardson

Some different "ONLY" features in Connecticut cents.

1785 A---The only reverse of that year reading INDE ET LIB with no punctuations except colons

1786 A---the only reverse of that year reading ET LIB INDE
1786 8---the only obverse reading UCTORI (Unique)

1787 Obverse 1^1 and 1788 obverse 1 are identical, each having the smallest head of all, and a total combination of three different reverses.

The only Hercules head is 1786 obverse 3 and 1787 obverse 7 which are identical, and combined with four different reverses, three for 1786 and one for 1787

The only Mutton head is the 1787 obverse 1^2

The only so called Laughing head is 1787 obverse 6^1

1787 obverse 15 is the only one spelled CONNECT, and has three different reverses.
1787 obverse 15 is the only one with seven cinquefoils in legend;
1787 reverse F is the only one having one grapevine below and two above on the shield.

1787 obverse 38 is the only one spelled AUCIORI in the legend.

1787 reverse P has the liberty pole double. This seems a unique feature.

1787 reverse H is the only one having a pheon on each side of date.

1787 reverse S is the only one having a cinquefoil on each side of date.

1787 reverse F is the only reverse having eight cinquefoils in the legend.

1787 reverse R is the only one with the legend reading IND ET LIB.

1787 reverse R is the only one with eleven crosslets in the legend.

1787 reverse I is the only one of that year containing one group of four dots in legend

1787 reverse aa is the only with the reverse legend reading FNDE ETLIB

1787 obverse 8 is the only one of that year having three groups of four dots in legend

1788 reverse I is the only Connecticut cent having the British shield.

1786 reverse O is the only one of that year reading INDL ET LIB.

1787 reverse S is the only one of that year reading INDL ET LIB .
The only "Horned Bust" is obverse 4 of 1787
The only head with a double chin is 1786 obverse 1
The only African or negro head is 1785 4^1 and 4^2 (the latter very rare)
The only 1785 obverses with head to left are 7^1---7^2---and 8

April 23, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

With respect to the VERMONTIS which I sent you, I can only suggest that you keep your eyes open for me and see if you can find some American imitation British half pence dated from 1778 to 1788. All of those of the above mentioned dates are imitations. If you don't find any, perhaps you will have something else to exchange. I certainly would enjoy having your 1788[1]-I, but I don't know what could tempt you to part with it.

I received a nice letter from Mr. Mosher, indicating that he was going to publish the little comments I made and which you were kind enough to correct.

Thank you very much for all the major varieties of the Connecticut cents which you listed.

I have written Mr. Kurth, as you suggested, and I think I am in a position to assemble a good deal of information about imitation British half pence made in America, which is my worry for the moment.

Kindest regards to you.

Sincerely,

EPN/me

May 3, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

You apparently are the man to whom I must turn with my present problem.

I am trying to determine what Connecticut obverse dies were used with reverses dated in separate years. I note that obverse 7 of 1785 is the same as obverse 4(2) of 1786; that obverse 5(3) of 1786 is the same as obverse 7 of 1787; and that obverse 1(1) of 1787 is the same as obverse 1 of 1788. What I would like to know is whether there are any others which Miller may not have mentioned. I refer particularly to the draped bust varieties of 1788 which ought to be on 1787 coins. It appears to me that obverse 16(1) of 1788 should be the same as obverse 32(9) of 1787.

The foregoing can't be very much work with the specimens you have available.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/me

154 California st.
Stratford, Conn.
May 13 1948

Dear Mr. Newman:

I note your letter in the current number of the NUMISMATIST about the Ryder #34. It is nice to have this number finally located. I wonder if the whereabouts of #32 will ever be discovered.

I am enclosing a list of all additional identical different year combinations of Conn. obverses as well as the ones you know (this means all I could find.) I have been unable to find a reverse legend that is the same in two different years.

Now lets attack the Miller #55. He was dead wrong with that, for it is a draped and not a mailed bust. It is really a #32 and Mr. Bryant and I now consider this coin to be 32^4-r and it is evidently combined with 1788 16^4 Your discovery of 32^9 and 1788 16^1 I believe to be correct as I have examined the two coins.

Now you know there is quite a difference between parting with a valued Collection die variety and a duplicate. My 1788 1-I has a horrible reverse but I can't bear to let it go. You stated that the VERMONTIS was a duplicate of yours and I feel grateful to you for letting me have it. I have no English counterfeit half pence between the dates you want either duplicates or otherwise. in fact I never branched out on that line, but since you asked about this feature I have written to one who deals with coins to some extent and is a long time acquaintance, asking him to send me what he has in these dates, and as I hear nothing I don't believe he has any.

Now evidently I have nothing you want in the way of exchange so please let me clean up what I owe you for the VERMONTIS, as I hate to have this hanging on indefinitely, so if you will just tell me I shall be greatly relieved, as I hate to be in debt for any coin.

Yours sincerely,

John M Richardson

CONN. CENT OBVERSES USED
IN DIFFERENT YEARS
MENTIONED BY MILLER

1785 7 and 1786 4[2]

1786 5[3] and 1787 7

1787 1[1] and 1788 1

1787 12 and 1788 8

CONN. CENT OBVERSES USED
IN DIFFERENT YEARS
NOT MENTIONED BY MILLER

1787 11[1] and 1788 7

1787 32[4] and 1788 16[4]

1787 32[9] and 1788 16[1]

1787 50 and 1788 17

May 20, 1948

Mr. John M. Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Thank you very much for working out the obverse dies used in different dates.

With respect to the Vermontis, I do not want you to feel obligated to me. You may consider it a gift, but if you run into something in Connecticut, Vermont, counterfeit half penny, or Continental or State notes which I can use, you can make me a present some time. Your mind should, therefore, be at ease.

I have written to Mr. Howard Kurth but have not had a response from him. Do you carry on any correspondence with him? I am very much interested in seeing certain specimens in his collection in connection with a paper I am doing. I am sure he must be either out of the city or ill, for he would have answered me, as we carried on a correspondence many years ago. I would appreciate if you would advise me concerning him.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

September 13, 1948

Estate of John Richardson
154 California Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear friends:

Mr. Norman Bryant has just written me that he has purchased the Connecticut and Vermont coins of the late John Richardson. I had been carrying on a correspondence with Mr. Richardson, my last letter from him being dated May 24, 1948.

I gave him a coin which he had needed for a long time, and although he had nothing to exchange for it I told him that in due course he might have something. He did get a great deal of enjoyment out of receiving the coin I sent him.

Mr. Richardson permitted me to see some of his Continental Congress paper money and he indicated that he had a nice group of these items in his collection. He also indicated that he had a nice collection of Connecticut paper money. I am interested in purchasing the Continental Congress paper money, and if you desire to sell all the paper money at one time I will also buy the Connecticut paper money.

If you will be kind enough to advise me as to the number of items available and the price you wish to receive, I will appreciate it. If you have not set a price as yet, I suggest that you have Mr. Bryant, or any other person you select, give you suggestions along that line.

Sincerely yours,

EPNewman/me

bc: Mr. Norman Bryant